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May 1994 Sydney

"Let your fingers do the talking."

Black Pages

EDITORIAL

Well Well Well-come to the first ever edition of the sydney A newsletter to be printed on Hemp paper. Now if you were a real critic you would roll up this page and smoke it and thus prove me to be a total liar, however you would damage your lungs on the bleach fumes so don't do it and believe me when I say Don't believe the Hype. But don't be too cynical and enjoy the pages that are yet to come (oh goody!).

This edition is called the black pages (another lie) and was concieved at the last pow-wow, so if you'd like to get involved then come to the next pow-wow or send contributions to one of the adresses below. (See the "What's Om" page for date and place of next pow-wow).

We have had a few letters replying to the last edition, largely about the (extremely interesting) issue of MEAT eating vs VEGIE eating. The editors for this newsletter would like to say that the opinions expressed in this mag are not necessarily those of the editors (the usual cop-out!) but we invite everyone to have a yarn, send contributions, artwork, etc.

However if you write to us can you specify whether you want your letters published, otherwise we don't know whether you're having a go at us or at humanity at large. Also could you keep your contributions short (whatever that means - I presume the opposite to long).

Ennyway, enuff nagging.

READ ON AND ENJOY

The editors this time were SBox, John A, Mark and Chuck...(so blame them!).

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

MAY

SUN (1) Mayday!

MON (3) Public Meeting "Australia's real security" organized by the Blue Paper Project. 7-9pm RM 1, Sunderland House, 75 Bathurst St. Ph 2672772 (FREE)

SAT (7) **BLACK ELEPHANT STALL** 10am, back of 110 Crystal st Petersham. Market day with loads of junk & NON JUNK.

SAT (14) **OUT & CONTROL**. Media Room Benefit. All night **TEKNO RAVE** $10/$15 Bands: NONBOSSYPOSSY, SUBBASSNARL, MKULTRA, EARTH METAL, JASON + GARY, TELHARMONIUM, DJS: Zeitgeist, Marty B, **VIDEOS** SEVERED HEADS, SUBVERT HQ. **PUNK WAREHOUSE** 44 PRINCES HWY

SAT (14) The Dancing Fools ALL AGES SHOW **BLACK ROSE BOOKSHOP BENEFIT**. $5, 7:30pm, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. **BANDS:** SMUT, FERAL DREAMS, SUBVERSION, STALINS ORGAN, OMNICIDE.

TUES (31) **ASF PUBLIC MEETING** "Rednecks + Redwoods" Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, 8pm, FREE.

SAT (20) **NEFA BENEFIT** "HIGH NOON" at Bundagen Community near Repton-Kask at shop) 12 noon →
BANDS Garter Snakes
Waiting for Godard
DJ's Pure Strife
Trance Zone
$8 + $2 camping

SAT (21) **VIBE TRIBE FULLMOON PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA** Details T.B.A.

JUNE

SUN (19) **ANARCHIST POW-WOW**. Day of meeting, eating and organizing. 12 NOON 35 DIXON ST, NEWTOWN. FREE

MIDJUNE (WINTER SOLTICE) Look out for Alfalfa House benefit coming at you with cool food + yummy bands.

TUES (28) **ASF PUBLIC MEETING** "Carmelo Bernoni + Italian Ⓐ in the 20's + 30's" NNC. 8pm. FREE.

JULY

SAT (23) **MIKE LONG** talks on Mondragon Cooperative Movement in Spain — at Jura Books 110 Crystal st Petersham FREE

AS USUAL

RADIO SKID ROW 88.9FM
OUT & CONTROL GRAFITTI
Community news + info
3-6pm ph 5509552

Just do it!

THE MURDER OF DANIEL ALFRED YOCK

DANCER "SHAKING" AFTER TACKLE BY POLICE : FRIENDS.

Brisbane 30 November 1993, 1 Dec 1993. Source : Courier Mail.

Three teenage Aboriginals had seen Daniel Yock lying on the ground "shaking all over" after being tackled by a Police Officer at WEST END, a Criminal Justice Commission Inquiry was told yesterday. Yock died in police custody on November ". Two of the witnesses told the inquiry they had seen a policewoman kick the young dancer as he lay handcuffed on the footpath. The three youths, like Yock, were members of the WARRA WARRA Aboriginal Dance Group.

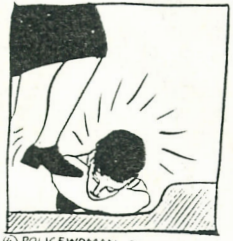
Brisbane 30 November 1993,

(1) AFTER SWIMMING AT SOUTH BANK, DAN YOCK AND HIS MURRI FRIENDS CALL OUT TO CIRCLING POLICE VAN

(2) DAN YOCK IS TACKLED BY POLICE

1994 - ART: SEAN KENAN.

(3) DANS HEAD HITS FOOTPATH AFTER TACKLE BY POLICE



(4) POLICEWOMAN POMROW KICKS YOCK REPEATEDLY IN THE HEAD AFTER HE IS HANDCUFFED

(5) YOCK AND BLAIR ARE THROWN IN POLICE VAN. FOUR WOMEN RESPOND TO BLAIR'S POLICE TENDER CRIES FOR HELP

(6) AT WATCHHOUSE DAN YOCK HAS NO PULSE THEN TO HOSPITAL WHERE DAN YOCK IS PRONOUNCED DEAD

(7) C.J.C INQUIRY FINDS DAN-YOCK DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES & ENGLAND POLICE WALK FREE

PROTEST THE CJC'S WHITEWASH OF THE DEATH OF DANIEL YOCK

NO MORE DEATHS IN CUSTODY !

Coalition Against Police Violence GPO Box 3056 Canberra, ACT 2601

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CJC REPORT NORMALISES POLICE VIOLENCE

1. CJC Commissioner Wyvill's report endorses the police version of events, ignoring the conflicting evidence of Aboriginal witnesses testifying to violence which could have caused Yock's death. Given the conflicting evidence, and the number of witnesses on the Aboriginal side, all the evidence should have been tested in court. The discounting of Aboriginal witnesses is an affront to the Aboriginal community.

2. The Report misrepresents the medical evidence. The medical officer chosen by the Yock family, Dr. Byron Collins, found "abrasions on the body consistent with being punched, kicked or hit with a blunt object". The report does not mention these injuries consistent with excessive force.

3. The Report shows faulty reasoning on contributing causes. Even if Yock DID suffer from heart disease, does the CJC really expect us to believe that Daniel Yock, who had lived to the age of 18 years, just happened to die naturally, AS A MATTER OF SHEER COINCIDENCE, in the police van after he had been violently handled by police and that police treatment was not at least a contributing cause? On the medical evidence, there may well have been two causal factors, Yock's heart disease and the police treatment of him. Which one of those is foregrounded and selected as "responsible", depends of what is taken as the normal background condition, and this is where political judgement comes in. Wyvill's reasoning takes violent policing as normal.

Police in Australia have normalised an extreme level of unnecessary violence and indifference to injury. In Victoria, for example, over 70 people are estimated to be injured, some permanently disabled, every year as a result of police violence. This is more than any street gang inflicts. Anyone who has experienced or witnessed the incredible level of abuse police are prepared to use on citizens will have no difficulty in believing that as well as routinely causing injury, in a certain proportion of cases it would result in death. Wyvill's report accepts as "natural" and not in need of change this background level of violence and indifference to its effects on detainees, and thereby accepts cases where it causes injury and death. Wyvill's decision increases the risks of injury and death to all groups who may attract the unfavourable attention of police, Murris, political demonstrators, and others.

THAT IS WHY WE SHOULD ALL, WHITES AND ABORIGINALS ALIKE, MARCH ON APRIL 20TH ! DEMAND AN END TO RACIST, VIOLENT POLICING AND LEGAL SYSTEM ACCEPTANCE OF IT !

4. The report is inconsistent. It says police are not responsible and no changes are needed, no racism was involved. But then, (very gently) it suggests changes "in strategy" are needed. Although Yock's treatment contravened recommendations of the Royal Commission, of which Wyvill was a member, the report makes no comment on this.

5. Wyvill's finding that there was no racism involved ignores evidence of specific targetting of Aboriginal groups and areas. American models of proactive policing now add legitimacy to Australian traditions of racist policing. They involve targetting individuals not for what they do but for who they are, what kind of group they belong to.

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200-300 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SYDNEY RALLY
1500 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BRISBANE ONE

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Cat TV is a co-op of lefty video users, **whose main passion lies in smashing straight & boring tele images,** structures and creating radical, empowering video to be aired on community TV & cable. Our workers anarcho structure is how process Tele makers do the housework of benefits/admin as well as creating pumping vids!

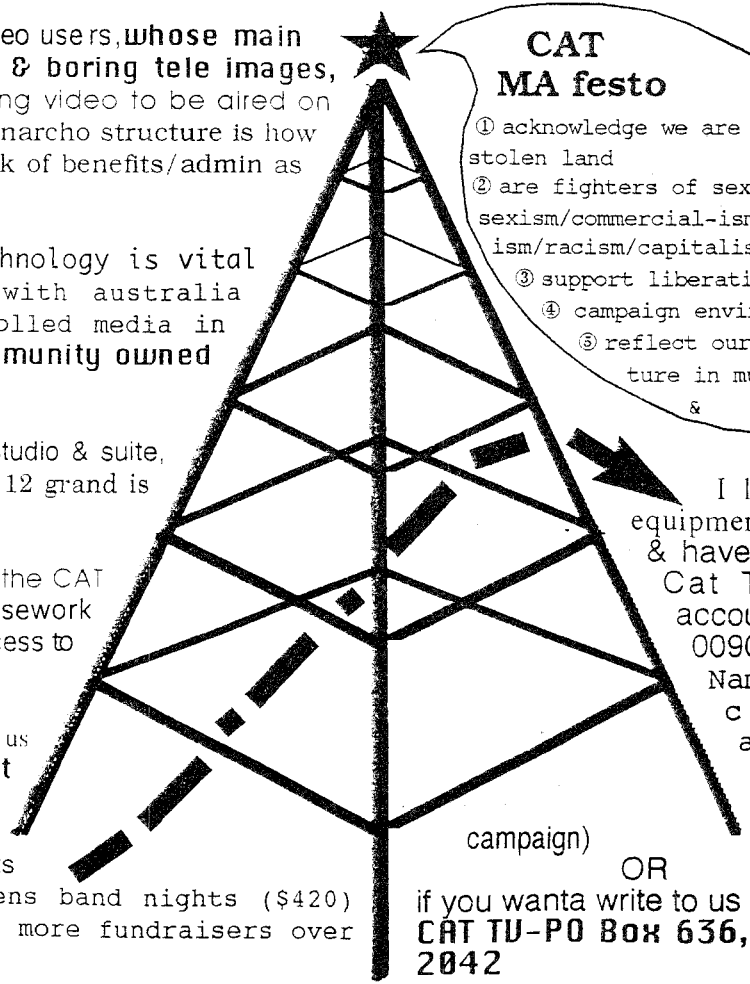
CAT believes that access to technology is vital in freeing up the Info Net, with australia heading the list of most controlled media in the world, **the importance of community owned & run media is huge.**

Cat is currently setting up a production studio & suite, but inevitable cash is a big problem as 12 grand is needed to buy an edit suite.

We are seeking individuals/groups into the CAT mafesto to contribute. CASH & OR housework = credit which transfers into time/access to the equipment.

Basically we need a sugar somebody to give us stacks of cash to kick us off! **But all effort is greatly welcomed.**

To date $1520 has been made from benefits - Girl Rave ($600) Techno & Womens band nights ($420) DykePirate & UpYours ($500) with more fundraisers over the next few months.



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① acknowledge we are on stolen land
② are fighters of sexism/hetro sexism/commercial-ism/able bod ism/racism/capitalism
③ support liberation struggles
④ campaign enviro terrorists
⑤ reflect our 'indi' culture in music, words & pics

I love the Cat equipment superdrive, & have put into the Cat TV savings account. 062 212 0090 4828
Name....
contact address..
(only for updating on the campaign)

OR

if you wanta write to us
CAT TV-PO Box 636, Newtown 2042

VIBE TRIBE UPDATE

Vibe Tribe are currently mostly back in Sydney after putting on a series of club nights and warehouse parties in Adelaide. Two Friday night parties and one Friday / Saturday finale were put on called Space / Time / Continuom at a huge dockside warehouse in Port Adelaide about half an hour out of the town centre. Thanks goes out to all those who put time and energy into the project. Local inter and anti state d.j's , artists and performers all helped to make the partys leave an imprint on all that attended. Unfortunatly sufficient numbers did not tutn up to cover the large costs involved in hiring the football field sized space and the mammoth 20k sound system that shook the old tin shed for all four of the allnighters. The last Party, Continuom that went for 36 hours attracted the most people. Adelaide was an invaluable experience for the tribe on creating large installations,lighting rigs and working in a different city. Some benefits have been planned to help offset the large debts incurred, Flouromozone Saturday 23rd April in a newly opened community type space in St.Peters and Mayhem a mayday party / allnighter to be held in Melbourne on 30th April. Vibe Tribe is an ongoing project carrying on in the tradition of Jellyheads with the idea now more focused on securing a mobile alternative,travelling venue. With a sound system and vehicles organic anarchic events can be put on around the country strenghthening ties between like minded communities and travellers and promoting re-evolution and earth freindly politics. The Jellyheads P.A. used on the trip for chillout rooms and electronic street busking performances will be once again available for community events from May. Look out for upcoming Vibe Tribe events and a photocopy magazine with news,reviews and calender.

For info and correspondence contact.....>>>>>>

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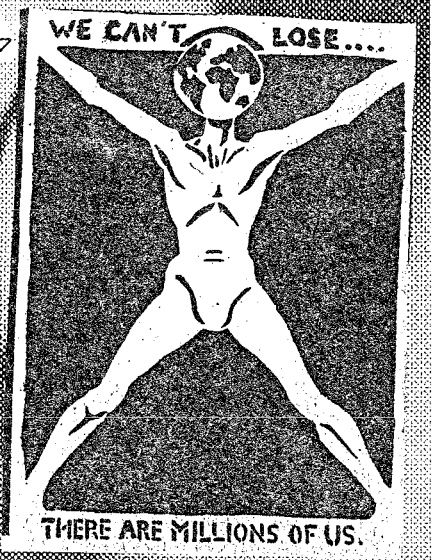


BLACK ROSE ANARCHIST BOOKSHOP

Greetings once more from us here at BlackRose... things are going slowly for the shop this year, with the first benefit for '94 on sat 19th May at the NNC, starts 7.30pm-sharp(?). The line-up looks like Subversion, Omnicide, Smut(3rd Oz gig?), Stalin's Organ and Feral Dreams. Usual $5(?) entry with Vegan food there.

In about 4-6 weeks there should be a large record order coming from Mordam in the states- last time many of the records ended up at about $12.50 each. We may even be lucky enough to wrangle a credit arrangement with them as well, so that we can make orders more regularly, and have them pay directly for themselves, instead of saving up and deciding who to put an order with; we lose less money this way because its heaps better to have stock than cash.

We recntly got a credit arrangement with AK in the UK, so hopefuly that will mean more GOOD stock- we got some excellent stuff from them recently.....

including What Uncle Sam Really Wants, a thin volume by Chomsky, that reads well, and isn't elitist or academic. It shows clearly how Imperialism has been strengthend in the post war years, (the US in particular), its direct ties with Fascism, and the collaboration of the Church, as ever backed up with the documentary record, and brutaly macarbe detail. It's a very sad read, but I recommend it highly... if you can't afford a copy at $10.50, I have it along with a wide range of other titles for public use.

We still have a few copies of Re:Search Angry Women for $20.70, with interviews and pieces on radical performance artists and writers like Bell Hooks, Lydia Lunch, Karen Finley, Kathy Acker, Annie Sprinkle and others... what more needs to be said! We've also got stuff on Culture Jamming, Postmodernism, and new feminist texts from Allen and Unwin, all at below the RRP We also carry a wide range of periodicals, and do subscriptions.

Yet more unashamed advertising... we deal with a range of mainstream Australian Distros; like Collins, Random House, Allen and Unwin, Penguin, and the university presses, and can generally get these titles to you at about 20% off the RRP, within a week of ordering; so instead of giving all of your money directly to capo's, let us do it for you (unless of course it is politically problematic- sexist rubbish etc...); the reason I mention this is that we need sales of about $130 a day to cover our overheads: rent,phone, electricity, postage, etc... and they aren't that high, which means that money we should be spend-ind on restocking the place gets wasted

Finally, a plea or two... (beg beg), are there any qualified electricians out there who can connect our new stove up to the mains? Would anyone be willing to make donations to help cover the costs of recent fumigation(about $180), needed because stock and cockroaches don't mix socially, except with the books as hor doers.

Monthly dinners have been cancelled due to insufficient fundraising for the amount of effort put in, events at the shop will be for special occasions and when we get the inspiration.... any ideas????

It's when a community decides they would rather deal with a situation themselves rather than calling the cops

PEOPLE NEED TO GET TOGETHER ,TALK ABOUT AND ASSESS THE SITUATION AND LOOK AT WAYS TO RESOLVE IT

People sometimes walk away from problems. It's easier to rely on the state and police than sit down and talk to people about how to solve the problem yourself.

FOR IT TO BE COMMUNITY JUSTICE YOU NEED TO HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE BROADER COMMUNITY

There's been a big need to protect and secure community places and property.

IT'S EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY TO BE INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Do people have the time and energy to get involved with community justice?

IDEALLY IN AN ANARCHIST SOCIETY COMMUNITY IN A LOCAL AREA WOULD DEAL WITH PROBLEMS IN THAT AREA

Community justice assumes that people have common values. In a multicultural society like Australia would there be a common ground if people got together to decide on how to deal with crime and punishment?

WHEN IS IT JUSTIFIED TO USE FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE?

community

Telephone trees are good to set up so people can be contacted immediately if people need support

FORCE AS A LAST OPTION WHEN PEOPLE ARE CLEAR WHY IT'S BEING USED AND WHAT YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE

Every situation is different, community justice can be more flexible than the law because it can take into account the people's situation and offer them options

JUSTICE ISN'T ABOUT ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE FUCKING OVER ANOTHER GROUP AND WHOEVER USES THE MOST FORCE WINS

Force of numbers can be a good strategy. Getting 20 people to turn up somewhere can make a really strong point and often diffuses potentially violent situations

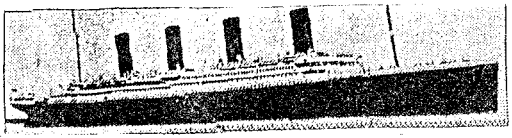
THE POLICE AND LEGAL SYSTEM DON'T LIKE PEOPLE TAKING IT ON THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE A SITUATION

Rather than people delegating themselves it's up to the community to delegate people they feel comfortable with to act for them

THERE IS USUALLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO GET INVOLVED IN ACTIONS

How to deal with domestic violence and sexual harassment in relationship -areas that are considered private. Support networks are needed for people living in and getting out of abusive relationships

justice

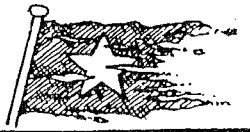


15th April 1912 - The sinking of the Titanic.

Exact figures vary from book to book, but from the report or the court of enquiry into the loss of the Titanic, around 63% of first class and 41% of second class passengers were saved. Many of the third class passengers were Irish emigrants leaving a country bled white by hundreds of years of British imperialism in the hope of a better life in America. Of these only 23% survived.

For all its size, advanced engineering and luxury, the Titanic did not carry enough lifeboats for all its passengers. First and second class passengers were helped into the boats (some of which were lowered only half full), but third class passengers had to fend for themselves. When all the boats had gone, the vast majority left on the ship were third class passengers and crew. Almost all those who jumped into the sea were either overwhelmed by intense cold or were unable to get far enough away from the liner to avoid being sucked under as it went down. At the moment the ship disappeared, the White Star Line stopped the pay of those crew who perished, marking their papers `Discharged at Sea`. Only 24% of the crew survived.

So the rich will always save themselves, leaving us to go on paying for their greed and inhumanity with our lives - and our planet. When do we start fighting back?



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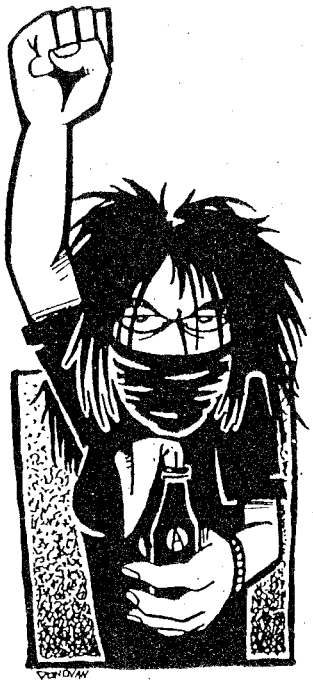
YOUR FUTURE IN THEIR SIGHTS



the medieval executioners tortured and murdered twelve million women. The witch hunters still torture and murder women: through rape, the enforcement of heterosexuality and tyranny over lesbians, sexual surgery, psychiatry, imprisonment in the family, and wife-beating. They destroy the witch in all women: those parts that refuse to submit to their emotional and legal regimes. The witch hunters cripple and kill because they are terrified of women. They fear all that is different from themselves, all that they are not, all the kinds of power they do not have.

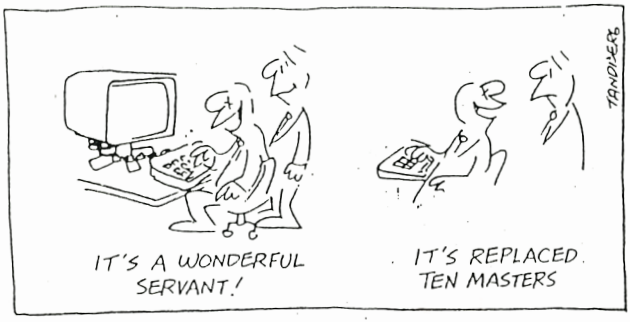
NEW WORLD ORDER

Over the last couple of years there has been considerable cross-fertilisation within the Sydney anarchist communities: for instance, there are more common events & projects (eg. benefits / fun(d)raisers, the Media Room & Radio Graffiti), the 2 bookshops have been collaborating much more, & the quarterly Pow Wows & (common) Newsletter are continuing. We need to explore the potentials of self-sustaining self-sufficiency, & of mutually beneficial, complementary activities. How can we move towards new, common premises, with for instance, Black Rose as a retail outlet (coffee lounge & book (record, etc.) shop), Jura a distributor, the Media Project producing media materials, & socialising / performance facilities / space ?
The following 2 workshops are being organised to discuss how to develop our anarchist communities in such directions (anyone who wants to help organise, please contact Peter 5682279):-

Lillian Lawson Geddes is a ' practitioner of self-sufficiency - as she quotes from Kropotkin:

"If each member of society is to have the opportunity of earning their own living by their own labour - without as a result enslaving themselves to anyone else, either to a private individual, or to a company, or to a union - they must obviously always have the opportunity of acquiring the spade with which to dig, the cotton with which to spin thread & weave cloth, that bread, those clothes, that room to live in, that place to work in, before they can manufacture anything having an exchange value in society."

Lillian will give a workshop on innovative models of organising & funding: on how to build anarchist communities that are self-reliant, with particular regard to accommodation, work & funding. (Lillian wants to meet socially with people the nite before over a meal: anyone want to volunteer their home ?



JURA NEWS

Hi, welcome to another edition of the sydney @ newsletter.
Here are a few of the most recent books we have in the shop.

* Native American Anarchism- history of U.S.A from colonial to early 20th cent.-excellent reading.

* Emma Goldman- Sexuality and the impurity of the state- B.Hallard.

* Culture- The human way- Redefining the term by H.Barclay who is prof of Anthropolgy in Alberta Canada.

* Aboriginal - Place names
- Words of Aust.
- Legends
Three great ref. books by A.W.Reed.

* Strip the experts - B.Martin Questions the term and it's meaning.

* Social defence social change. B.Martin -Argues for social defence as a grass roots initiative, brand new books.

* Redefining Camelot - N.Chomsky. J.F.K,Vietnam war and U.S political culture.

* Crazy cock, Trop. of Capricorn, Sexus - Three titles by Henry Miller.

* America and the bomb- F.H.Knelman The legacy of ron reagun. "every thoughtful person should read this authoritative and frightening book" Dr linius Pauling,twice nobel prize recipient.

* Selection of mags & journals on varied subjects.

See Ya!
Haron, Jura collective

FIPO a zine extract

For Information Purposes Only

is a *very* cool zine assembled by its editor on a notepad PC as they back pack around the planet . Contact POBox 858774 Seattle, WA 98145, USA

WORLD WIDE SLUG REPORT

Many countries are switching their lower value paper money to coins. Some low value coins from some countries work as high value coins in other country's slot machines.

AUST.- Phillipine quarter as Aust. $ in everything, incl. poker machines.

USA-Australian 10 cent piece ($.07US) as a quarter in parking meters.

CANADA-English 2 pence as Can.$ in washing machines and *some* vending machines.

FREE ISSUES OF FIPO

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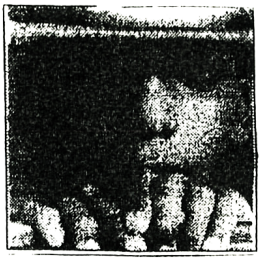

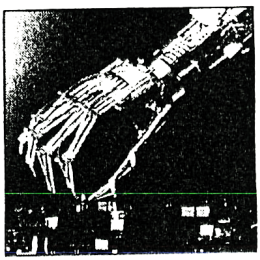

We look forward to meeting you!

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Viva Zapata! Land and liberty!

On October 12th '93, 10,000 native Indians gathered at Santa Domingo in San Cristobal, Chiapas and pulled down the statue of Diego de Mazariegoes, one of Mexico's Spanish conquistadors. It was also the 501st anniversary of Columbus' landing in the "New World".

Less than 3 months later, on January 1st, the Urban Front of the EZLN (Zapatista National Liberation Front) issued the following: "We are fighting against the violence of poverty, the violence of hunger and of electoral farce." when it called on students and trade unionists to join its insurrection and "to attack in a thousand ways".

The EZLN was named after Emiliano Zapata, a main figure in the Mexican revolution of 1910-11 whose call-to-arms was "it is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees" and who was always in dispute with the ruling elite.

The uprising started as a peasant revolt in the Chiapas, Southern Mexico, demanding land reform, a change of government and the scrapping of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement which moved Mexico into a "free market" with the USA and Canada).

The EZLN captured four towns; Altamirano, San Cristobal, Chanal and Ocosingo. 238 prisoners, many of them Mayan Indians in land disputes with rich white landowners, were liberated from 4 prisons.

It is also stated that the police disappeared and "were hiding under their beds".

In Guadalupe Tepecyac, under Zapatista control, there is no official authority. The community is run by a committee chosen by a village assembly which decides which steps to take.

The government has moved a third of its armed forces into the Chiapas area to recapture the towns which the EZLN has control of. The army started bombing and burning the surrounding villages, carried out summary executions and closed off the area to reporters.

The EZLN regrouped in the surrounding mountains where numbers are said to be in the "several thousands" and released a statement aimed at the army: "We warn you, Mexican soldiers, young like we are, that this struggle will be going on for years. Your generals don't care about you. They are using you. Don't kill innocent people." In another statement, they affirmed their commitment to women's full equality.

On January 11th, the Mexican President de Gortari sacked his interior minister who was unpopular with the Mayan people in the south.

After 12 days the army said it had regained control of the Chiapas area, although electricity pylons were being blown up throughout Mexico and on January 16th, the President proposed a general amnesty to all rebels in the Chiapas.

As the dust settles for the present, the latest peasant uprising proves that the dispossessed still have nothing to lose and their dignity is still worth fighting for.

Mail Bag

Dear comrades - I'd like to respond to something in the latest Sydney @ Newsletter. I'm wondering where you got the "10 well-worn reasons why people go back etc..". Was this meant to be a joke, or not taken seriously ? If it was meant to be taken seriously I question whether smart-arse slogans are meant to be some kind genuine argument against `eating animals`. There`s a few slogans that particularly made no sense. Just to go through them; 1.`My doctor told me to`. You replied `Do you always obey the experts?`. Obviously most western medecine is a crock of cappo shit but is someone really naive enough to just change their diet at one doctors whim? In your experience maybe, but if I was a vegan & someone I choose to trust (if I'm gonna bother going to a doctor it`ll be for a good reason) told me it was damaging my health I'd at least think about it. As far as health (learn to cook & look after your diet`) goes, yeah right , we all have the luxury of just chucking everthing aside for a healthy vegan lifestyle. Not. 2.`Its not working class.`Your reply `What is exactly?` Excuse me.?Are there no working class vegans ?This attitude only confirms my suspicion that veganism is a middle class wank for those who have the time & money. If the working class don`t exist for you, why are you calling yourself anarchists ? 5.`I'm willing to kill it myself` You say `Do you eat mozzies and roaches ?` No of course I fucken don`t. Is this an argument ? I'll decide what I want to eat, & whether I want to kill it or not. Personally I dont think that killing only what you eat is a viable alternative when we can easily farm chickens, fish and other animals. We`ve been doing it for centuries. By the way do you oppose indigenous peoples hunting rights ? 9.`I like the taste`. You say `what if I like the taste of human flesh`. But you don`t. What sort of reply is that ? I eat meat because I enjoy the taste, how does that correspond with canabilism ? I'm not a chicken or a cow or whatever, I'm a human being and like all humans I'm omniverous (a carnivore is an animal that almost exclusively eats meat). 7.`To build up my body` You said something about wooly mammoth eating grass. That had to be a joke. If not, whoever came up with that argument should lay off the acid. Since I've gone back to eating meat I've copped a bit of flak, fortunately my vegan comrades have been intelligent enough not to dismiss me totally. But I am sick of constant rehashed sloganeering in lieu of decent argument. I can make up slogans to but I'd rather explain myself fully than churn out snappy comebacks, this is reality not a sitcom.

Salu`d Macka

Letters are welcomed for the newsletter:- typed if possible. We`re particularly interested in people submitting articles so send us your news and views.

CONTACTS

*Abortion Action Campaign. Meets every 2nd Wednesday, Womens Liberation House, 63 Palace St Petersham, 569 3819 (23/2, 9/3, 23/3 etc)

*Bougainville Support Group. Meets 1st Monday of the month. Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Vicky 264 5790 (office hours)or Moses Haveni 8047602

*Paddlers for Peace. Meets 1st Sunday fo the month 12noon Manly Harbour Beach. Contact Jenny550 2805

*Animal Liberation 212 6253

*Sydney Peace Squadron. Meets 1st Tuesday of each month,6.30 pm Green Iguana Cafe, King St Newtown. 5502805

*Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee. PO Box 65 Broadway, 2007. Ph 660 7513. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6pm. room 86 3rd Floor trades Hall. 4 Goulburn St Sydney

*PIECES People Initiating Education Campaigns Eliminating Sexism. Wendy/Brigitte 805 7730

*AKSI Indonesian Solidarity Action PO Box K717 Haymarket. Greenline for upcoming events 552 0747

*CEFTAA Campaign Exposing Frameups and Targetting abuses of Authority. Meets 1st =3rd Wednesday, 6pm, 3rd floor 391 Sussex St Haymarket. 281 5100

*Australia-East Timor Association. Meets 1st Wednesday of month, 6.30 pm Leichhardt Town Hall. Contact Stephen 331 5986

*Black Books. Aboriginal music, info and books. 13 Mansfield St. Glebe NSW 2037. 660 2396 ring for deadly free catalog.

*Breakout. Printers for community groups. 281 5100

*CAT TV. Lefty/Anarcho community TV group. Meets every second thurs 17 O'conner St Chippendale 310 4276.

*Redfern Aboriginal Corp. Screen printing, catering, coffee shop.. 104 Lawson St Redfern 318 1496.

* CTV West and GWEC. Training in desk top publishing and video production. Koori books and videos. 570 Gt Wstn Hwy, PO Box 769, St Marys 2700. 673 3088.

*AABCC Aust Anti Bases Campaign Coalition 267 2772.

* Reverse Garbage. Hugely cheap weird recycled junk. Great for props, demos, parties, building etc 516 3132 Marrickville

* Radio Skid Row 88.9fm. Meets every mon. nite 7pm, Hut 24, Addison Rd Community Centre. 550 9552.

*AlfAlfa Food Co-op. No chemicals, packaging, or profit. 519 3374